

SENATE BILL 2563  
By Womack

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to alternative schools. This act makes appropriations for a term of years for the purpose of funding pilot programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, is amended by adding the following new section:

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(a) No later than January 1, 1997, the state department of education shall, through competitive grants, establish a pilot alternative school program for elementary and secondary school students in three (3) Tennessee school systems of less than seven thousand (7,000) students, one (1) in each grand division. The purpose of such pilot alternative school programs shall be to measure the effectiveness of various strategies to address alternative school needs and to encourage and assist the expansion of effective programs. The state department of education shall monitor and measure the effectiveness of such alternative school program components. Such pilot alternative school programs shall be funded for a period not to exceed three (3) years.

(b) The state board of education shall define the components of such pilot alternative school programs and the criteria to consider when measuring their effectiveness.

(c) The state department of education shall annually submit a report of findings and recommendations, including an assessment of the effectiveness of such pilot alternative school programs to the house and senate education committees and to the state board of education.

(d) Each pilot program shall receive \$25,000 to assist in implementation.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per annum, for each pilot program to assist in implementation.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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